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Dear <salutation>:

Thank you for your <correspondence> concerning your support for the International Fast For Life.

As you probably know, the Fast came to an end on September 15 after 41 days. These eleven courageous people are now recovering after ~~so~~ many days without food. During their hunger strike, the fasters received support from people all around the world. Some 5,000 individuals in 25 countries undertook shorter fasts to express their solidarity with the the eleven fasters, and their commitment to the burgeoning "peace" race.

Two of the fasters -- Dorothy Granada, 52, and Charles Gray, 58, -- are from the 8th Congressional District. I am proud of their efforts as I am sure you are. So much needs to be done to reverse the arms race. Protest actions like the Fast are vital to help raise the consciousness of people about the senseless dangers of a conventional and nuclear arms race.

I endorsed the Fast at the initial news conference, and I continued to wholeheartedly support the protest to its conclusion. On September 20, I also entered my personal remarks in support of the Fast in the Congressional Record (enclosed). I intend to vigorously continue my efforts in the Congress for arms reductions and a common sense defense policy.

Again, thank you for writing. I appreciated hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ronald V. Dellums
Member of Congress

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